



Hampton Home Repair Blitz Report

October 16, 2014

On October 11, 2014, the Community Development Department, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Peninsula Greater Williamsburg, and the Hampton Redevelopment & Housing Authority, hosted the 6th Hampton Home Repair Blitz in the Cary-Fordham neighborhood. With the help of over 220 volunteers, this home repair partnership was able to assist 16 senior, disabled, and low-income households in need of exterior repairs to their homes and provide significant paint support for John B. Cary Elementary School. The Cary-Fordham Home Repair Blitz was another milestone event marking the completion of our 3rd year of events that have allowed us to assist our 116th Hampton household assisted through the work of over 1200 volunteers since the program began in May 2012. Since 2012, the partnership has been able to leverage over \$60,000 in community donations and support for the events. All of the major volunteer work during these events has been concentrated in 6 different neighborhoods and over the course of just 6 days!

Thanks to a grant from the United Way of the Virginia Peninsula, along with donations and sponsorships from local businesses and organizations, this unique partnership was able to provide approximately \$13,000 in donations and volunteer support items (refreshments, materials, water, facilities). Some of the key community sponsors for the event included the Hampton Neighborhood Commission, Lowe's, Grand Rental Station, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, LifePointe Christian Church, First United Methodist of Fox Hill, Atlantic Communications, Krispy Kreme Donuts, Hampton City Schools, McDonald's Garden Center, and Ace Hardware.

The volunteers for the day included individuals from variety of backgrounds and ages. Some of the volunteer groups that participated include: LifePointe Christian Church, Hampton Christian Church, Wesley United Methodist Church, Williamsburg Community Chapel, Greenwell Construction, Omega Psi Phi, U.S. Coast Guard, USCG – Tidewater Consolidated Chief's Mess, and Joint Base Langley Eustis. Based on the national value of the volunteer labor, the volunteers contributed approximately \$50,000 in added value with just one day's worth of work. Due to the generosity of our sponsors and volunteers, we are able to provide these services free of charge to the homeowners who just needed a helping hand.

The Hampton Home Repair Blitz is a collaborative effort designed to concentrate exterior housing improvements in one neighborhood on a single day. Photos from this Home Repair Blitz and other past events are posted on the Hampton Housing & Neighborhood Services FaceBook Page that can be found at <http://www.facebook.com/HamptonNeighbor>. For more information on the Hampton Home Repair Blitz or how to become community sponsor, please contact Jonathan McBride in the Housing and Neighborhood Services Division of the Community Development Department at 727-6140 or jmcbride@hampton.gov.